population or more based on 1991 Census. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Demand for Grants for the year 2002-2003 of the Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation desired that a similar survey in respect of other cities/towns having less than 50,000 population be carried out. The Ministry took up the matter with the Registrar General of India (RGI) for the survey and to have a report about the people living in the slums. The RGI office submitted a project for identifying slum population in the towns having less than 50,000 but above 20,000 population.

Infrastructure status for housing sector

1564. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion for conferment of infrastructure status on the housing sector to enable it to have easy access to low cost institutional funds and to tap long-term funds; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subject matter pertains to Ministry of Finance. As such the proposal received has been sent to Ministry of Finance for appropriate action.

Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

1565. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the proposals received by Government from the State Governments for creation of employment opportunities in urban areas